3 from Bangladesh through Balurghat & Cooch Behar, 11 from Pakistan through Kargil, Gurdaspur, Jammu, Munnabao, Tangdhar & Mumbai, 7 from Nepal through Kishanganj, Gorakhpur, Bahraich, Lakhimpur, Nepalganj & Darbhanga, 3 from China through Dehradun & Mechuka, 1 over Andaman & Nicobar Islands and 1 from Malaysia through Delhi.

(c) On 20.11.2002 Lufthansa Cargo Flight DLH 8433 flew over no fly zone designated as Prohibited/VIP area. The incident was investigated and it was found to be due to an error of judgement by the pilot. Lufthansa airlines has been informed of the lapse of their pilot and advised to take corrective action.

On 3.2.2003 an American registered Boeing 757 aircraft N610G while flying from Karachi to Male was noticed flying on air route N-519 when the route was not available for civil operations. Investigations were carried out by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Air Force, Intelligence Bureau, Customs and Immigration. It was found that the Air Traffic Control Karachi did not guide the pilot correctly and they had no knowledge about operating time of the route. The crew and aircraft were released for operations to Seychelles after questioning.

Other incidents of violations pertaining to Ministry of Defence were handled as per their standard procedures.

Air Services to State Capitals

1243. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to provide better air services to the capital of each State in the country;

(b) if so, the proposal mooted in that regard for 2003-2004; and

(c) the details of the additional flights proposed to be inctroduced between Delhi-Bhubaneshwar and between Bhubaneshwar and other State capitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) It is the constant endeavour of Government to provide better air services to all parts of the country, including State Capitals. In this direction, Government has laid down route

dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.

(c) At present, Indian Airlines has no plans to operate more flights between Delhi and Bhubaneshwar or to operate new services to connect any State Capital to/from Bhubaneshwar.

Setting up of Civil Aviation Security Academy

1244. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Civil Aviation Security Academy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the Academy is likely to start imparting training; and

(d) the steps taken to install bio-metrics based access control system at airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A decision has been taken to set up a Centre for Civil Aviation Security for functioning as the apex aviation security institution within the country, being a think-tank for innovation in the field of aviation security, developing suitable training modules after Training Needs Analysis, and also for international cooperation.

(c) Training Programmes are already being conducted from the Headquarters of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security as well as from other suitable sites in different parts of the country.

(d) A Pilot Project for introduction of Bio-metric based smart card, at IGI Airport Delhi has been prepared. The Government is looking at various technologies available world-over, in this context.